

II. Remarks

The Official Action of December, 2009 has been thoroughly studied. Accordingly the changes presented herein for the application, considered together with the following remarks, are believed to be sufficient to place the application into condition for allowance.

By the present amendment claims 1-4 and 7-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants' preserve their right to seek patent protection of the subjected matter of the claims which have been canceled during the prosecution of the present amendment by filing and prosecuting one or more continuation or divisional applications.

Presently claims 1-4 and 7-12 have been canceled in favor of having claims 5, 6 and 13 go to allowance to protect applicants' invention.

Claims 5, 6 and 13 are pending in this application.

Claims 5, 6 and 13 are not rejected over prior art.

In this regard, on the Office Action Summary sheet and page 8 of the Office Action the Examiner has indicated that claims 5, 6, and 13 are allowed.

Entry of the present amendment and an early allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested.

If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remain outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved; the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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